

# TROPHY TALK

## More on Fair Chase and Electronic Devices



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**In the last issue of** *Fair Chase* this column was dedicated to a discussion of the fair chase aspects of electronic devices that exclude a trophy from entry in the records books. As a result, we received several inquiries concerning the acceptability of trophies taken with the aid of hand-held, laser range finders.

Laser range finders were not mentioned in the last issue because members of the Records Committee will review the fair chase implications of these devices, as well as global positioning systems at their May 1997 meeting. The outcome of their review will be reported in a Trophy Talk column following the meeting.

Heads and Horns was established by William T. Hornaday at the Bronx Zoo, New York, in 1906. There are presently 47 heads in the collection, of which 30 are on display at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. The remainder, including the unusual elk depicted in the photograph below, is displayed and/or stored at the Club's National Headquarters in Missoula, Montana.

Visitors to the Club's offices will no doubt recall seeing the unmounted antlers and skull of this magnificent animal in the trophy room. We're very pleased to announce that it was recently refurbished and mounted by Roger Selner of Trophy Show Productions.

In exchange for mounting this trophy, Roger has been permitted to include it in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Record Elk Tour that will criss-cross the United States three times during 1997, with stops in 25 cities. You can call Roger at 406/222-6107 for a complete tour schedule, or check a recent issue of *Bugle Magazine* for a partial list of stops, to see when the RMEF Record Elk Tour will be coming to a town near you.

The RMEF Record Elk Tour gives individuals a unique opportunity to view 10 of the finest typical and non-typical American elk trophies ever recorded. Most of the heads on tour are from private collections where they're inaccessible to the general public.

In addition to this rare specimen, the tour includes trophies such as James Berry's

World's Record non-typical American elk (447-1/8 points) that was taken in Manitoba in 1961, as well as state records from Wyoming and Montana.

### 23RD AWARDS PROGRAM DEADLINE

Trophy owners should note that the deadline for entering a trophy in Boone and Crockett Club's 23rd Big Game Awards Program is December 31, 1997. To be eligible for entry in the 23rd Awards, entry materials **must** be postmarked no later than the deadline date. Entries received with postmarks after that date will become entries in the 24th Awards Program that commences January 1, 1998, and extends through December 31, 2000.

The upcoming deadline is very important for a number of reasons. First, the 23rd Awards Banquet and trophy display will be held in 1998, and only top-ranking entries postmarked by the deadline date will be eligible to receive an invitation. Secondly, and possibly of greatest importance to the majority of trophy owners, is the fact that this deadline is also the deadline for getting a trophy listed in Boone and Crockett Club's 23rd Big Game Awards book that will be released in late 1998, as well as the next edition (11th) of the all-time records book, *Records of North American Big Game* which should be released in 1999.

Entries postmarked after December 31, 1997, will appear in the *Boone and Crockett Club's 24th Big Game Awards* book that will be released in 2001, and the 11th edition of *Records of North American Big Game* that will be published after the year 2004. Therefore, to avoid the last minute crunch and possibly miss the deadline, trophy owners should not delay submitting their entries.

THIS UNUSUAL ELK TROPHY, WHICH IS IN THE BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB'S NATIONAL COLLECTION OF HEADS AND HORNS, IS ONE OF 10 TROPHIES TRAVELING WITH THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION RECORD ELK TOUR.

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The Boone and Crockett Club's National Collection of



**23RD AWARDS BANQUET  
SCHEDULED FOR  
RENO, NEVADA, IN 1998**

While the exact dates haven't yet been set, the 23rd Awards Program and Banquet activities will be held in Reno, Nevada, during the summer of 1998, probably during June. Invitations for the top few trophies in each category will go out during February 1998.

If you haven't attended one of the Club's previous Awards Programs and Banquets you should plan on attending. Without a doubt you'll have an opportunity to view some of the finest big game trophies ever recorded by the Club. Over 2,200 trophies have already been entered in the 23rd Awards, including potential new World's Records. Additional details for the Awards Banquet will be announced in this column as plans are finalized.

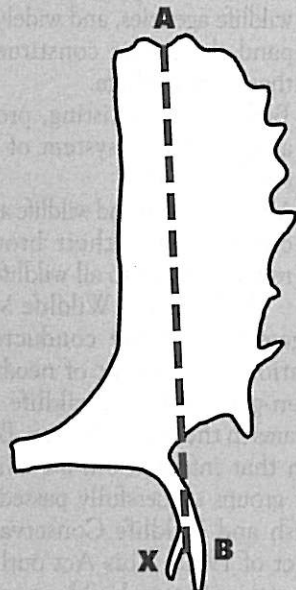
**TROPHY PLAQUE  
PRODUCTION PROBLEMS**

I'm sorry to report that orders for the North American Big Game Awards Trophy Plaques have been temporarily suspended because of production problems. However, individuals interested in obtaining a plaque for their home or office should let us know so that we can send you ordering information as soon as the problems are resolved.

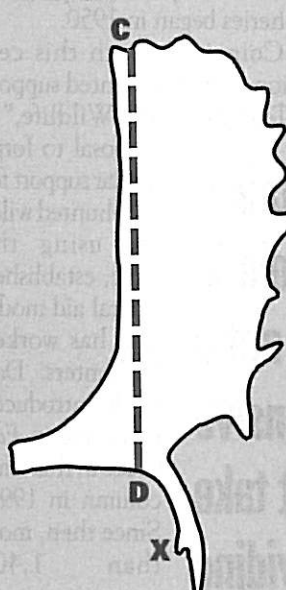
**MOOSE PALM LENGTH  
MEASUREMENT  
TECHNIQUE CHANGED**

The Boone and Crockett Club's Records Committee recently ruled that moose palm lengths are to be "taken from an indentation (whether between points or not) on top of the palm in contact with the under surface of the palm to a dip between points on the lower brow palm" (Figure 1). This action rescinds a ruling promulgated by the Records Committee in 1989 that permitted the palm length measurement to be taken to a dip between projections on the brow palm that did not necessarily need to qualify as points. Figure 2 illustrates the correct ending point for palm length measurement on an antler with a poorly developed brow palm.

**FIGURE 1**



**FIGURE 2**



**FIGURE 1**

THE LENGTH OF PALM MEASUREMENT ON THIS MOOSE ANTLER MUST BE TAKEN FROM A TO B BECAUSE THE PROJECTION LABELED AS X QUALIFIES AS A POINT.

**FIGURE 2**

THE LENGTH OF PALM MEASUREMENT ON THIS MOOSE ANTLER MUST BE TAKEN FROM C TO D BECAUSE THE PROJECTION LABELED AS X DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A POINT.

**1996 NOVA SCOTIA BIG  
GAME RECORD BOOK,  
3RD EDITION**

The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia recently announced publication of its latest book, *1996 Nova Scotia Big Game Record Book*, 3rd Edition. This edition, which is limited to 1,200 copies, features and recognizes the finest big game animals ever taken in Nova Scotia. The first and second editions were pub-



lished in 1989 and 1992, respectively.

This is a soft cover book (8-1/2" x 11") consisting of 135 pages dedicated to deer, bear, moose and caribou hunting in Nova Scotia. It contains a collection of nearly 300 photographs of the finest big game animals ever taken in

Nova Scotia, as well as tabular listings of over 1,100 outstanding trophies.

To order your copy of *1996 Nova Scotia Big Game Record Book*, 3rd Edition send a money order for \$17 plus \$3 shipping (U.S. orders add \$1) to The Big Game Society Nova Scotia, Book Division, P.O. Box 305, Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0. A limited number of the 2nd edition is still available for \$10 each. The cost for one each of the 2nd and 3rd editions is \$25, plus \$5 for shipping.